

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of billing network transactions through a network service provider, the method comprising:
 - receiving a payment request from a content provider;
 - receiving a first part of a content;
 - receiving an indication of transport parameters, the indication being associated with the content;
 - receiving a second part of the content; and
 - transmitting the second part of the content in accordance with the transport parameters.
2. A transmission device comprising:
 - a data receiver configured to receive a first part of a content, and an indication of payment parameters required for exploiting that content;
 - a service logic for grouping the first part of the content and subsequent parts of the content as a communications flow;
 - a payment logic for determining the payment parameters of the content according to the indication of payment parameters;
 - a switching apparatus for transporting the first part and subsequent parts of the content to a communications port according to the communications flow determined by the service logic; and
 - a data transmitter to transmit a payment authorization request to a payment receiver.